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Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Applicants kindly ask that the above-identified application be amended as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Kindly add the following new claims:

16. Use of a compound, a pharmaceutical composition or a prodrug according to claims 1 to 10 for the manufacture of medicaments for the inhibition of factor Xa.

17. A method of treating a mammal suffering from or susceptible to a disease mediated by tryptase activity, comprising administering to the mammal an effective amount of a compound of any one of claims 1 through 10.

18. A method of treating a mammal suffering from or susceptible to an allergic or inflammatory disease, comprising administering to the mammal an effective amount of a compound of any one of claims 1 through 10.